Thursday, December 18, 2008

Neighborhood Planning & Zoning RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 34

Subject: Approve a resolution amending the City's Municipal Annexation Plan (MAP) to include the River Place annexation area (approximately 1,227 acres located approximately one mile south of the intersection of FM 2222 and River Place Blvd) and to remove the Lost Creek MUD annexation area that was included December 31, 2005.

Amount and Source of Funding: No fiscal impact.

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Prior Council Action: December 6, 2007 - the City Council approved the Sixth Amendment to the Municipal Annexation Plan (MAP).

The amendment to the City of Austin's Municipal Annexation Plan is proposed for adoption in accordance with the requirements of Sec. 43.052 Texas Local Government Code regarding Municipal Annexation Plans.

The proposed amendment adds the River Place annexation area to City's Municipal Annexation Plan and removes the Lost Creek MUD annexation area. If adopted, the amendment would be effective December 31, 2008. Adding areas to the Municipal Annexation Plan begins a three-year process leading to annexation. In this case, annexation would take place in December 2011.

The proposed River Place annexation area includes approximately 1,227 acres in northwestern Travis County and is located approximately one mile south of the intersection of FM 2222 and River Place Blvd. The area includes properties located within the River Place Municipal Utility District in addition to properties adjacent to the MUD's boundaries. The area is surrounded by the city's full purpose jurisdiction to the north, west and south and is bounded by the city's limited purpose jurisdiction to the east. The predominant land use within this area is residential.

The Lost Creek MUD annexation area was added to the City's Municipal Annexation Plan in December 2005. Annexation of the MUD was planned to take place in December 2008, however, in accordance with a Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA), annexation of a portion of the MUD has been delayed. Because of the SPA and its effect on the timing of the MUD's annexation, the Lost Creek MUD MAP area is being removed from the MAP.